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          **SECURING A SHOPPING CART** )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing references. Copies of these references are not required to be provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), as they were previously submitted or cited in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/133,209 filed April 26, 2002 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,648,103), entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A SHOPPING CART which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/809,119, filed March 14, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,386,331), entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A SHOPPING CART or U.S. Patent Application No. 09/396,658, filed September 15, 1999, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING A SHOPPING CART (now abandoned), to which this application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120. This Information Disclosure Statement is being

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filed before the first Office Action of this application, and no fee is required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1).

As noted in the Information Disclosure Statements filed in the above-referenced patent applications 10/133,209, 09/809,119 and 09/396,658, Applicant is aware of large, elongate, rectangular shaped concrete wheel stops which are placed in parking lots at the front of parking spaces for limiting the through travel of automobiles.

Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(3)(i) regarding references in a foreign language:

DE 3812361 and FR 1250144 were cited by the Examiner in U.S. Application No. 09/396,658. Each reference appears to show a wheel chock for an automobile.

Respectfully submitted,

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